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BEHOLD I STAND AT THE DOOR AND KNOCK

Archie H. Hook

Superintendent

New and larger doors of opportunity are continuing to open for our Conference and for most of the churches throughout the Conference. A few days ago I met a young couple who had recently moved from New England to Washington and had affiliated with the Congregational Church in their community. When I inquired how they liked it here, the response was: "We love it, but we just cannot get used to the fact that everything seems to be new or growing. No one says anything about how things used to be years ago. Repeatedly the topic of conversation is about what we are doing and what we are planning. And it seems that the church is making as much progress as anything else—at least the one we have joined is surely going forward."

Simultaneous with the thrill of opportunity comes the shudder of responsibility. What are we doing—what are we plannig to do, concerning these new and larger doors of opportunity? We take courage by the fact that church after church throughout our Conference has viewed its opportunities with seriousness and concern. Many are in the throes of expanding and making more adequate their facilities and program. A number of churches, which a short time ago could well have been classed as marginal, are rendering not only valuable service to their community but also serving in the world-wide mission of the church.

The summer is past and it was an exceptionally delightful one in our area for either work or vacation. The fall programs in our churches are already in full swing. Reports are coming in of over-crowded church schools. Many of the 600 young people who attended our summer conferences are asking for "something worth while to do." Some churches are planning for a full week of stewardship education. A few churches have secured Conference or National leadership for a week of Visitation Evangelism.

The most significant single action by our Conference in at least a decade was a vote taken at the annual Conference Meeting in May of this year, approving a recommendation from the Board of Directors, as follows: "The Board of Directors recommends to the Washington Congregational Christian Conference that it undertake to raise during the next five years, 1956-1960, a $600,000 Church Extension Fund, and that the suggested goal for local churches be an annual sum equal to 20% of the Church's current expense budget for 1954. . . ." Elsewhere in this issue you will read with satisfaction what the Conference Committee on Church Exetnsion is doing.

This is an appropriate time for us to evaluate carefully the opportunities and responsibilities which are ours. New and larger doors are open for those who have eyes to see. The Christ of yesterday, today and tomorrow is now standing at our door and knocking. As a Conference we must answer, but first as churches and individual members of the Christian family.

FALL ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Early in our history, the churches of our Congregational Fellowship felt the need to cooperate and work together with nearby churches. From the close ties that developed as churches got better acquainted with each other developed our earliest Associations. As the years went by, new churches were established and Associations grew in number and strength.

The Associations in our Conference usually meet only once each year, during the first two weeks in October. To them come the representatives from the local churches, along with their ministers. At these meetings we have the chance to hear from one of our national leaders, discuss projects and problems of mutual concern, meet and talk with our Conference staff, and, most important of all, join in periods of Christian Fellowship.

The theme for our Association Meetings this fall is most appropriate to our ever-growing Northwest, "Winning the New Frontier." Our guest leader will be the Rev. Lloyd G. Van Vactor, Congregational Christian worker from Cagayan d'oro, Mindanao, Philippine Islands.

A fraternal worker of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines, Mr. Van Vactor does church and student work in the newly established Central Mindanao Conference in Cagayan, which also includes work among pagan tribes in the nearby mountains. He went to the Philippines under the American Board of Foreign Missions in 1954,

The Rev. Lloyd G. Van Vactor

but had to return temporarily the United States because of a s ous accident to his wife. We l forward to hearing from Mr. V Vactor, since many of the churc of our Conference have a special terest in this part of the wo through the work of Paul and M Margaret Pruitt, missionaries fr Washington serving in the sa area of the Philippines.

See you at your Association M ing!

THE SCHEDULE FOR ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho Association, October 3 an 4 at Deer Park, the Rev. George Snyder, minister.

Yakima Association, October 5 at Yakima, the Rev. Robert M Kennan, minister.

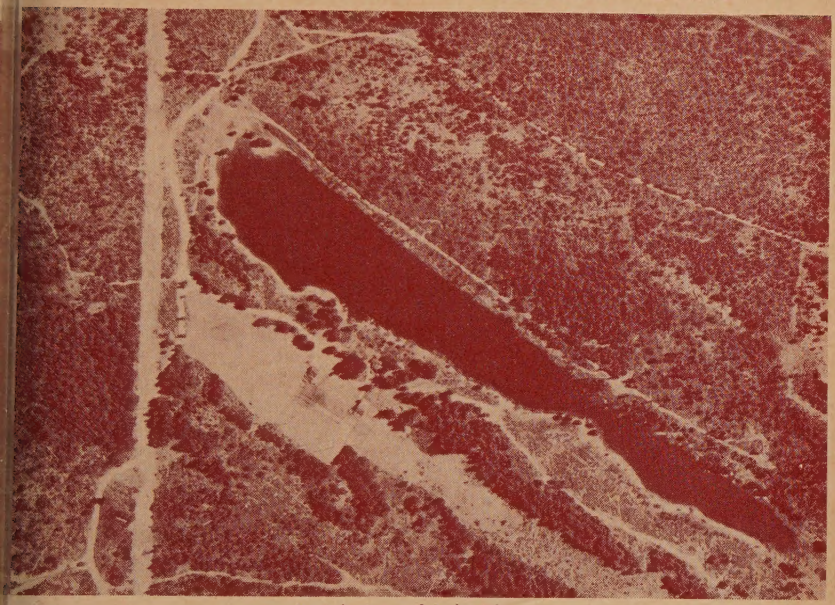
Columbia River Association, October 7 at White Salmon, the Re James Duffey, minister.

Tacoma Association, October 9 at Sylvan, the Rev. Walter A Pierson, minister.

Northwest Association, October 11 at Monroe, the Rev. Ellen Bradle minister.

Seattle Association, October 12 at Kirkland, the Rev. George I Helliwell, minister.

$30,000 MEMORIAL GIFT



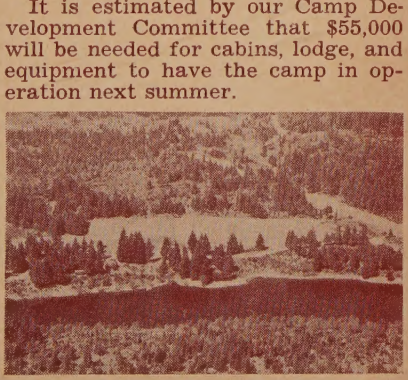
Aerial view of Lake Flora

A camp site for Western Washington will become a reality on October first. The Lake Flora property will be purchased through a memorial gift of $30,000 given by Miss Julia Lane of Seattle in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Lane. Miss Lane, a member of Plymouth Church since May 4, 1913, makes possible through this gift the first part of our dream for a year-round camp to serve our churches.

Upon the 121-acre site will be developed facilities for our ever expanding summer conference program that this year had more applicants than we could accept. Church families in the western part of the Conference will have, for the first time, camp facilities that are easily accessible. No longer will we have to rent facilities for local church retreats, ministers' and laymen's retreats. No longer will we have to take a place on someone else's schedule at their convenience. We will have our own Westside Camp.

The time when we will have full use of these new facilities, however, will be contingent on the money available for development through our $600,000 Church Extension program as described in another acticle in this issue of the Congregational Way.

It is estimated by our Camp Development Committee that $55,000 will be needed for cabins, lodge, and equipment to have the camp in operation next summer.



Looking west across Lake Flora

MEET OUR NEW MINISTERS

The Thomases with Jeffry, age 6, and Terry, 10. (Parke, 6 months not in picture.)

Emrys Price Thomas — Everett. For the Thomases, this will be a return home, for they served the church in Blaine from 1944-'48. Mr. Thomas has been minister of the church in Waseca, Minnesota, for the past six years, during which time the church has constructed a new $180,000 building, church membership and budget increased, and the total church program expanded. We indeed welcome the Thomases and their three children back into our Conference.

Herman E. Utterback—Tonasket.

Mr. Utterback came to Tonasket at the end of April from Indianapolis, Indiana. He has attended Indiana University and Mission House College and Seminary. We are glad he has decided to become a part of the Northwest

George Adams — Summit Park. Mr. Adams has been a Presbyterian Missionary in Korea, and is now on furlough.

Louis B. Gearhardt — Chewe

Comes to us from Lookout, Cali nia. Mr. Gearhardt is a graduate of Pacific University, and while attending Pacific School of Religion did student summer service work in Pasco. We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Gearhardt and daughter, Marjorie, into our Conference fellowship.

George P. Helliwell — Kirkla

Returns to our Conference fr Barstow, California, where he been minister since 1946. While California, Mr. Helliwell was act in the Conference Pilgrim Fell ship program at Pilgrim Pines. T Helliwells have two children, T a junior at Pomona College, a Sue, who will be a junior at K land High School. All of their ma friends in the Conference welco them back to Washington.

The Helliwell Family

Don Roger Yungclas—Associate—Yakima. Don entered the ministry out of a rich Pilgrim Fellowship background, having held many PF offices in Iowa, including that of President of the Conference. He is a graduate of Grinnell College, '50, and Chicago Theological Seminary, '55. For the past four years he has been pastor of Union Church, Somanauk, Illinois. The Yungclas family includes three girls, Wendy, age 5, Mary, 4, and Elizabeth, 2.

ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT JOINS STAFF

Dr. Jackson E. Smith assumed his responsibilities as associate superintendent and minister on the Conference staff during the summer months. Dr. Smith comes to our Conference after having been minister of the newly organized Fellowship Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, for the past five years. He came into our Congregational Fellowship after serving Presbyterian churches in Cincinnati and Tulsa.

His major staff responsibilities will include work in the fields of Evangelism, Our Christian World Mission, Laymen's Fellowship, and Social Action. Many of those who attended the Annual Conference in May had the opportunity to meet Dr. Smith. He will be present at all Fall Association meetings.

Dr. and Mrs. Smith are living in the apartment at the Conference Home.

WHAT'S YOUR GOAL?

You've heard of the young lady who, attending her first football game, had to be told what the goal posts were. They did seem a little high for hurdling and little low for pole valuting.

As a church member or officer are you informed on what your church goal is?—that is, your 1956 goal for giving to Our Christian World Mission. On July 1 the suggested goals for the various churches of our Conference were mailed to all ministers, treasurers, and trustees chairmen. Our national goal is something over $6,000,00. Of that amount, our Conference share is about $182,000. Of the Conference amount, your local suggested share is a definite figure, and there's a reason why it is that particular figure—$1,079 for instance, instead of $1,097. Ask your minister, treasurer, or chairman of trustees what your goal is and why it is that amount. They've got the "formula," and it isn't secret, either!

While we don't exactly have goal posts in this business, we do have POSTED GOALS. You can see yours—and everybody else's, too—if you'll come to your Association meeting in October, because there will be copies available.

Of course, the most important thing about a goal is not in knowing the exact figure, but in accepting and fulfilling it. Will you help your pastor and fellow-members to reach your goal? Knowing what it is will help.

The newly purchased Lincoln Heights Parsonage (Spokane)

NORTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE, NOVEMBER 1, 2 and

For the first time our Conference, through the University Congregational Church in Seattle, plays host to the Northwest Regional Conference. The purpose of this Conference is to offer fellowship, inspiration, and intellectual stimulation to the laypeople and ministers of our Congregational Christian Churches in Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington.

The leadership for the Conference is outstanding, and will be well worth any effort necessary for attendance. Some of the leaders will include **Dr. John Rueling,** secretary of the American Board of Foreign Missions for Africa and Mexico; **Miss Ione Catton,** national secretary of Adult Work and Family Life Education; **Dr. Wesley A. Hotchkiss,** national director of Town and Country Department; **Dr. Vere V. Loper,** former moderator of the General Council and member of its Executive Committee; and **T. H. Van Dyke,** president of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, West Coast Area, California and Pacific Northwest Synods.

On Wednesday evening at the 7:45 session, the Rev. T. H. Van Dyke will address the Conference on the subject, "The Evangelical and Reformed Church." The Rev. W. Carl Calhoun of Bellingham will be the Conference Chaplain.

The sessions begin with a Fell ship Dinner on Tuesday even and will close Thursday night 9:15. We hope that Congregati alists of our Conference will be full attendance at this meeting.

AN INVITATION TO ALL CONGREGATIONALISTS

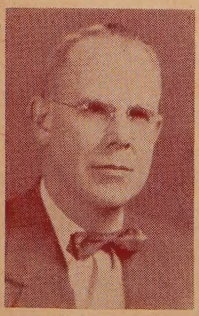
September 7, 1

Dear Friends:

University Church in Seattle looking forward with keen antici tion to the meeting of the No west Regional Meeting on Tuesc Wednesday, and Thursday, Nov ber 1, 2, and 3.

On behalf of University Chu and its entire membership, I privileged to extend a cordial urgent invitation to every church our area to send delegates to t great meeting. It will be our gr pleasure to provide lodging breakfast for all whose registrati are received prior to the opening the meeting. It will be our furt pleasure to offer you everyth possible to make your attendance the Conference both worthwhile inspiring.

Clinton E. Ostrander,
Minister University C gregational Church


Dr. John Rueling

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Dr. Vere V. Lop

CONFERENCE TO RAISE $600,000 FOR NEW CHURCHES

"Someday we'll have a church here." Carol and Chris, (above), live in Richland, Washington. They represent hundreds of youngsters and parents in our growing Conference who are without a church.

At our Annual Meeting last May we Congregationalists determined to raise $600,000 within the next five years to help build at least ten new churches and to provide a new West Side camp.

A CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE of ten ministers and ten laymen was appointed to get the job done. This summer, committee members have visited many of our churches, meeting with key representatives. Those churches which the committee has as yet been unable to visit personally have received materials to help them reach a decision on participation.

How will the funds be used? What is the suggested goal for each church? These and other often-asked questions are given in the Committee's "Information Sheet," a digest of which is given here.

We urge your church—and you as an individual—to join in the greatest Church Extension program in the history of our Conference!—Church Extension Committee.

Why Is This Campaign Necessary?

The Northwest is one of the most rapidly growing areas in the nation. In the Columbia Basin alone, the mushrooming population of 50,000 will reach 127,000 within six years! The State of Washington expects at least half a million more people in the next ten years.

The Council of Churches is urging us to share in building new churches in under-churched and non-churched areas. Our Conference Board has been restricted because of lack of money, local building and expansion programs underway, and the National building and loan fund drive (1952-55).

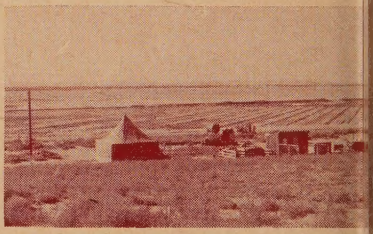
Action cannot be further postponed. Within the past five years we have accepted new allocations for six new churches in Eltopia, Mesa, North Spokane, Richland, Eastgate and Othello.

Looking ahead, we should include in our plans the construction of at least one new church a year for the next five years.

Harriet Cummings is superintendent of the Church School in Mesa. Our church is meeting in the school.

Are Other Areas and Denominations Engaged i Similar Campaigns?

Yes. Many local denominat are well ahead of Congregational in building new churches. Other C gregational Conferences in the tion have similar campaigns un way. Our major Protestant den nations are cooperating in locat new churches so that no area wil unchurched.



A farmer and his family live in this near Mesa.

Why Doesn't the Nationa Building and Loan Fund Prov The Money for New Church

First we must help organize people in these churchless areas our Conference and help underw the initial program of building. National Fund will then help, funds are limited with thousands churches needing help.

THIS FACT SHOULD STRESSED: Our Conferen churches subscribed a total of $1 000 to the National Building L Fund, and have received $150,00 loans from the fund. In short, we ready have received in loans m than we subscribed.

Will Support from the Conf ence Fund to Our New Churc Be a Gift or a Loan?

Insofar as is possible, the Chu Extension Fund will be develo into a revolving fund, helping build additional churches in years to come. Nearly every chu in our Conference had such a h ing hand when it was started.

Has Our Conference Conducted A Building Fund Campaign in The Past?

Ten years ago our Conference raised $100,000 for church extension within the Conference. Some of this was used to established the first brand new Congregational Church in over 25 years, the Magnolia Congregational Church in Seattle. **THE CHURCHES WE HELP BUILD IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS WILL SOON BE HELPING STRENGTHEN OTHER CHURCHES!**

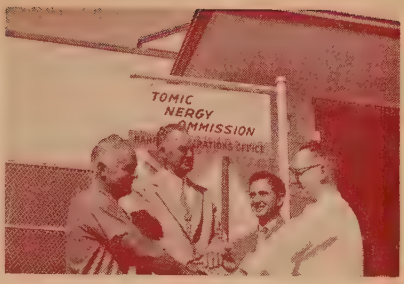
What is the Present Status of The Allocations We Have Already Accepted?

MESA (Columbia Basin). Ours is the only organized church in this rapidly growing community. We have a full-time pastor here, and a parsonage. Services are being held in a schoolhouse. A church site has been acquired.

ELTOPIA (Columbia Basin). Church school and worship services being conducted in local schoolhouse by our Mesa pastor. Negotiations are now underway for purchase of a church site.

RICHLAND. Church school and worship services are being conducted in a school by a full-time resident minister. Parsonage rented. Church site has been selected, and negotiations for purchase are underway.

Homes in Mesa



Symbolic of the cooperation of Churches in the Richland, Washington, is the meeting of our four church leaders representing three denominations. All are helping our new Richland Church to get started. (l to r) William McCue (Methodist), Hugh Osborn (Baptist), Shirley Davis (Methodist), and William Shanks, a leader of our own Trinity United Church. Until funds can be raised for a new building, services are being held in the community school.

NORTHWEST SPOKANE. New parsonage and church site purchased. Conference Pastor-at-large holding church school and worship services in parsonage. There are now 2,000 people in the area, with 8,000 expected within 10 years!

WEST SIDE CAMP (Near Port Orchard). This 125-acre tract including a 15-acre lake has been purchased through the gift from a member of our fellowship. Main lodge and cabins to be built.

EASTGATE (Residential suburb of Seattle). Site has been purchased. Hundreds of young families in this area are without a church.

OTHELLO (Columbia Basin). We have had this allocation since 1950. Survey of site for church underway. This is another booming Columbia Basin center.

The Local Church and It's Part In This Campaign. What Is the Suggested Goal for Each Church?

If all our Conference churches share equally to raise the $600,000, it would require an annual contribution, each year of the five-year period, equal to 20% of each church's current expense budget (what we spend on ourselves) for 1954. This figure is therefore suggested as the goal for each church. Church pledges will start in 1956 and run for five years.

What Is the Relationship of Our Christion World Mission Goals And Church Extension Goals?

OCWM supports the ongoing work in our Conference and around the world. To carry on this work, churches that have not found it possible to reach the recommended OCWM goals should make every effort to do so. Acceptance of our Church Extension goals will make possible the underwriting of the special extension projects in our Conference.

What Are Suggested Ways of Raising the Fund Locally?

Some churches plan to include their pledge to the Church Extension Fund as part of their annual budget raised by their Every Member Canvass. Others will conduct a separate campaign. Several churches which are conducting their own building fund campaigns plan to include their quota for church extension in their goal.

Will Approaches Be Made to Individuals, Churches, or Both?

To both. Individual gifts will be credited in whole, or in part, to the goal of the donor's church at the donor's discretion.

The Cummings farm . . . 5 miles from M

CHURCH EXTENSION DIRECTOR SELECTED

The Rev. Ed Cunningham of S ta Cruz, California, has been selec as the Director for our $600, Church Extension project. Mr. C ningham will be the executive the 20-member committee compo of both laymen and ministers. will share in the visitations churches of the Conference to plain the total program, direct progress in securing the comm ments toward the goal, and atte all Association meetings.

Mr. Cunningham has served 1 church in Santa Cruz for the p seven years and previous to t time had pastorates in Idaho a Oregon. He has been very active the Conference program of Calif nia, and while in Santa Cruz co pleted $110,000 building drive. graduate of the Pacific School Religion, he has also attended su mer schools at Berkeley Bapt Divinity, and the past summer Union Theological Seminary in N York.

Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham a their eleven-year old daughter, C nie, will arrive in Seattle late September.

CAMPAIGN LEADERS

Rev. Paul D. Sutley (Pasco Co-chairman; Paul W. Seibe (Seattle) Co-chairman; Walt Williams, Jr., (Seattle), Finan Chairman; Rev. Ed Cunnin ham, Staff Director.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Rev. Roland F. Schlueter, minister of our West Seattle Church, received his Ph.D. from the University of Edinburgh on July 8. Rollie did his thesis on the subject, "Johann Sebastian Bach and the Protestantism of His Day." In the preparation of his thesis, his advisor has been Dr. John Baillie.

Miss Christine Skelton has accepted a teaching fellowship at Hartford Theological School. Chris was our Conference Director of Christian Education from 1947 to 1954.

Miss Carolyn Goddard has accepted the position of Children's Work Secretary on our national staff. Carolyn is a former Director of Christian Education at Fauntleroy in Seattle.

Congratulations to the **Ostranders!** Dr. Clinton E. Ostrander of University Congregational Church and the former Mrs. Vernon R. Frost of Seattle, were married in New York during August.

The newest **Pilgrim Fellowship** in our Conference has been organized at our **Westview Church** in northwest Spokane.

Dr. Ronald Bridges, president of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, has been appointed acting Chief of Religious Information in the United States Information Agency, succeeding Dr. Elton Trueblood.

Margaret Palmer Fisk, (Mrs. Chester B.), will be teaching a course on "Rhythmic Activities for Children—Ages 5 to 11" in the Seattle Council of Churches Leadership School beginning on September 26.

HAWAII BOUND

With keen anticipation of a great new adventure, Dr. and Mrs. Claton S. Rice have accepted the invitation of Dr. Nelson Drier to be the interim parsonage family for one of our Congregational Churches in Hawaii. The Rices left August 27 for a year of service in the villege of Honomu near the town of Hilo. While they are serving in the church, its regular minister will be studying at the Pacific School of Religion. We all wish the Rices our very best in this new endeavor. Their address is Honomu Christian Church, Box 155, Honomu, Hawaii, T. H.

he ground breaking for Parish House and social unit at Magnolia, Seattle, July 24th. he Rev. Kenneth Claypool is minister.

REPORT FROM ENGLAND

The Christian witness of the Congregational Churches spreads around the world. Most churches derive from a common source. That source is England, where shortly after Columbus' discovery of the New World the Reformation worked out in rejection not only of the authority of Rome but of all ecclesiastical authoritarianism, including the concept of an Established Church. These Puritans and Separatists we have followed in our American history books through their persecutions, their exile to Holland, and their heroic voyage from Plymouth Hoe in the Mayflower. We are familiar with them as the Founding Fathers of both the nation in which we live and the Congregational Churches to whose fellowship we belong.

The Rev. Donald S. Lamka

They did not, however, ALL come to the New World. Most stayed in England to establish the Independent or Congregational Churches there and pioneer the principle of Free Churchmanship.

But from their day nearly to our own, some three hundred years, the two national fellowships of churches went their separate ways, developing as did the two nations themselves, along very different patterns. When in 1890 the International Congregational Council brought together again the divergent streams of the Congregational family vast differences existed between them, and we embarked on a new mission of understanding each other and growing back together again.

For four of the past eight years it has been the privilege of my wife and myself to share in this experience of understanding. For the past three years we have been mem of the Congregational Union of E land and Wales working on the s of the Birmingham Central Chur Group in County Warwick at green heart of England. Our w there took us into the heart of English Church; post-war rebuil and reconstruction work in slums, labour chaplaincies, yo work, County and National com tees on education and evangeli the pulpits of scores of churc large and small, and especially pastoral oversight of a congre tion of people. Our work took us well into areas of English life wh we were forewarned neither cle men nor Americans are always w comed; city planning councils, to public forums, school, Coopera Society youth clubs, and Lab Party guilds.

Our aim was simple even if always easy to achieve; to be dinary Americans seeking to und stand the English people and as them in turn to understand us be United States Congregatio Christians working to share w our English brethren the riches our common heritage and faith to understand sympathetically different ways we express our fa conduct our worship, carry forw the life and work of the Church. discovered as you would disco that there are vast differences. T old saw is as true inside the Chu as outside it that "we are separa by a common language;" ninety p cent of the hymns are either new altered, and one-hundred percent sung differently; virtually no p of our church structure is more th roughly parallel. But we discover as you will also discover, that th is a common citizenship am Christian peoples which cannot vitiated by oceans or passports. developed a deep admiration and abiding love for those who ha been our neighbors these last th years.

The world of 1955 demands t

e understand one another. For the hurch it requires that our ties and ur understanding must be not only ith the younger churches of Africa nd Asia but also with the older hurches, those of Britain and Eupe which cradled our own Chrisan and national heritage. The orld we are called to serve as hristians requires a good deal of atient holding together. Christians nd Christian Churches have a uniue contribution to make in such a orld, believing as we do that the orld must be bound together about e Cross of Jesus Christ if it is to old together at all. And this task e can only do together, in the servce of Him who has made us to be ne people and who is Himself the ne God and Father of us all.

AUDIO VISUAL INSTITUTES

"An unusual Opportunity at your oorstep" could well describe 1955 udio Visual Institutes that are beg sponsored again this year by the ouncil of Churches. Twelve strateically located communities will host is series of meetings throughout e area covered by our Conference. Each of our churches will want to ake advantage of the institute held its area. Church school workers, outh advisors, women's leaders and inisters will find special sections at will help them.

Vest Side

ctober 23—Mount Vernon, United Presbyterian Church
ctober 24—Port Angeles
ctober 25—Puyallup
ctober 26—Seattle, First Baptist
ctober 27—Centralia, First Pres- byterian
ctober 28—Vancouver, First Congregational

ast Side

ctober 23—Quincy, Evangelical and Reformed
ctober 24—Sandpoint, Idaho
ctober 25—Spokane, Whitworth College
ctober 26—Clarkston
ctober 27—Richland, Northwest United Protestant
ctober 28—Ellensburg

WORK DAY FOR CHRIST GOAL $1,800

Saturday, October 22, will be the day that all PF'ers throughout America will be looking for jobs. The money that is earned on this day is given to the Conference budget of Pilgrim Fellowship. Out of every dollar earned, 50c goes to OCWM; 25c to our new camp; and 25c to the PF and UCYM work in Washington.

Please encourage your PF group by helping them to find jobs!

Members of the First Congregational Church at Walla Walla are shown arranging the week's program when they invited various groups to meet in planning sessions at Camp Kiwanis this summer. From the left are: Anna Howells, member of the Junior High Pilgrim Fellowship held at the camp overnight Thursday and Friday; the Rev. Franklin Elliott, minister, who presided at the morning service on Sunday, which service was followed by a picnic lunch; Mrs. Floyd Osborne, associate in Christian education, who organized Christian Education Day Saturday at camp; and Mrs. George Harbert, president of the Women's Fellowship, which met at the camp on Wednesday.

1955 CHURCH PIONEERS

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Robbins in their musical machine shed.

Usually, the church organist has the opportunity to practice regularly every week on his instrument in the church sanctuary in preparation for the Sunday service. Not so Mrs. Newton Robbins, accompanist for our new church group at Eltopia. In this community of the Columbia Basis irrigation area 17 miles north of Pasco, pioneer conditions project themselves even into such matters. Mrs. Robbins, an English war bride who began her career in church music at St. Paul's Parish Church near Manchester, has no organ, nor room for any musical instrument in the house trailer which she and her husband presently occupy on their new farm unit. A near-by machine shed provides the space for a piano she bought this summer, and to this shed she repairs for weekly practice after receiving the hymn numbers sent down on the morning train by the minister, who lives in neighboring Mesa. Mr. Robbins serves as the capable treasurer of the new church fellowship.

Also helping to carry the ball for the new Eltopia church, which will be formally organized November 6, are Mr. and Mrs. Arden Horton, both employees of the U. S. reau of Reclamation there. Horton serves as Church Sc Superintendent. Both are usu among the first to arrive on Sun morning at the school build where services are held, and a the minister to set up the ch and arrange for the service.

Mrs. Maynard Bailie, who i charge of the kindergarten dep ment, begins her Sunday mornin an early hour on the 12,000- wheat ranch which she and her band operate. But by 9:45 a.m., is at church with her four s children and, like as not, carr one or two lovely bouquets of fl ers picked at home for the morn service. In her leisure time, Bailie raises, trains, and sells po The Bailies, who will soon hav give up their wheat acreage for settlers, are among the casua of the irrigation project. But are boosters of the new commu and the new church.

Among the most enthusiasti our new Eltopia farm settlers Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mauseth, fo erly of Montana, who chose the umbia Basin as the one place al all others where they wish to

Mrs. Maynard Bailie enjoys her Kin garten class.

'he Walter Mauseth Family will help make ne desert bloom.

.nd work. With their three sons hey regularly occupy one of the one-too-soft school house pews on Sunday mornings. Without benefit f any previous experience, Mrs. Mauseth cheerfully pitched in to ake charge of the primary group of he Vacation Church School this ummer.

True modern pioneers — all of hem—and all anxious to help in he formation of our new church— he first church ever to be organized n the community. They are all looking forward to the prospect of a hurch building which the Church Extension Fund will help make possible on an excellent 5-acre site now eing purchased by the Conference.

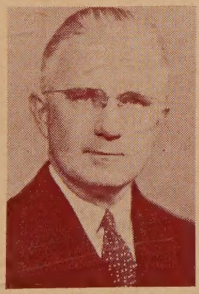
IRA BLACK WILL HELP IN EVANGELISM DURING OCTOBER

Two of our churches, Richmond Beach and Richland, will have Evangelism Training Sessions with Ira Black of our Home Missions Board luring this coming month. From Sunday to Wednesday, October 16 o 19, he will be training laymen f Richmond Beach in Visitation Evangelism calling, and the following week he will do the same in Richland.

LAYMEN'S DIRECTOR HERE FOR A WEEK

From October 9 to 16, Walter Graham of our National Laymen's Fellowship will be visiting men's groups all over the Conference. He has been in Europe this past summer attending an International Churchmen's Conference.

Mr. Graham's schedule is being arranged by Walter Peterson of Veradale and Jack Bentley of Seattle. Fred Hockert of Carnation is our Conference Laymen's Chairman. On October 16, Mr. Graham will address a city-wide Congregational Men's Rally in Seattle.



Walter A. Graham

Rev. Ira D. Black

All of us were deeply shocked by the tragic drowning of the Rev. Roy A. Ramquist of our Priest River, Idaho, church on July 2. Many have inquired as to how they can be of assistance. The following suggestions come after consultation with Phyllis Ramquist, church officials, and Conference officers. Individual gifts or offerings should be sent to the treasurer of the Congregational Church, Mrs. Olive Wood, Priest River, Idaho, and designated as 'For the Ramquist Family,' or 'For the Memorial Organ.'

'THE BEST WEEK OF MY LIFE ! ! !'

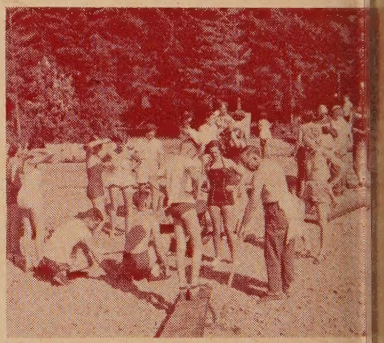
What series of events could bring forth such a response? Only a week at one of our summer conferences! These words were uttered many times by teen-agers and families alike as the week at N-Sid-Sen, Seabeck, or Gwinwood came to a close.

A report on our camps for 1955 shows that all previous records for attendance have been shattered. At least 691 individuals participated in our nine weeks of camping. Compared with 1954 we had an increase in attendance of 22% of senior highs, 58% of junior highs, 80% of families.

If the enthusiasm displayed by campers on their return home is contagious we can look for an even greater summer in 1956. Over 50% of our churches had representatives at camp this year. It is not too early for all of you to begin planning for next year! Let's make our PF slogan really live—"See you at camp!"

Times of relaxation and fun.

Some of student council plan.



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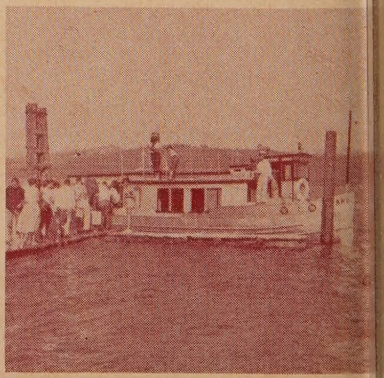

Yakima Senior Hi's leaving N-Sid-Sen boat.

CONFERENCE COMING EVENTS

ptember 24—Leadership Training Conference — P.F. Officers — Bellevue

ptember 25—Canvass Roll Call Clinics: Bellingham, Lakeview, Pasco, Pullman, Keystone (Seattle)

tober 1—Leadership Training Conference P.F. Officers— Ritzville, Zion

tober 2—World Wide Communion

tober 3-12—Association Meetings (see page 3)

tober 9-16—Walter Graham in Conference for laymen

tober 16-26—The Rev. Ira Black in Conference

tober 18—Board of Directors

tober 20—Evangelism Institute, Rev. Ira Black, West Side

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tober 22—Workday for Christ

tober 23-28—Audio-Visual Institutes

tober 30—Installation Service, the Rev. Charles Knapp, Almira

tober 30-November 24—S. O. S. (Share Our Surplus)

ovember 1, 2, 3—Northwest Regional Conference, University Church, Seattle

ovember 4-5—Conference on Town and Country, Dr. Wesley Hotchkiss, Seattle

ovember 4-6—Conference on Full Time Christian Service

ovember 6—Charter membership day, Eltopia

ovember 15—Board of Directors

ovember 27—First Sunday in Advent

December 11—Universal Bible Sunday

December 13—Board of Directors

January 4-11—Dr. John Rueling in Conference (O.C.W.M.)

January 8—Richland, Washington, Institution of new church

January 13-14-15—Teacher's Training Workshop—Seattle Area

January 17—Board of Directors

January 27-Feb. 2—Midwinter meet- Buck Hill Falls, Penna.

January 29—P.F. Sunday — beginning of Youth Week

February 9-16—Fellowship Evangelism Mission in Seattle, Dr. Paul Sturges

February 15—Ash Wednesday—the beginning of Lent

February 17-28—Area Meetings on "The Local Church Missionary Education and Stewardship"—the Rev. David Sandstrom

March 2-3-4—Junior High P.F. Conference—West Side

March 16-17-18—Junior High P.F. Conference East Side

April 1—Easter

April 2-13—Women's Fellowship area meetings

April 6-7-8—Senior High P.F. Conference—University Church, Seattle

April 16-20—Vacation Church School Institutes

April 22-27—West Coast Communication Workshop — Plymouth Church, Seattle

May 8-9-10—Annual Conference, Pullman

June 20-27—General Council Meeting, Omaha, Nebraska

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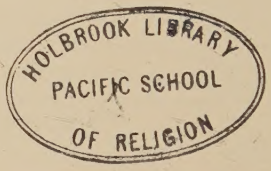

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